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## Science standards move forward; Marcum is new KBE chairman

The Kentucky Board of Education recently cleared the way for the Next-Generation Science Standards to move forward in the regulatory process without change. At its August meeting, the board approved the Statement of Consideration for 704 KAR 3:303, which calls for the new science standards to be included in the Kentucky Core Academic Standards. The Statement of Consideration included nearly 4,100 public comments received on the regulation. After review, the board voted to move the regulation forward with no changes.

The regulation now moves on to the Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee.

The board also approved 704 KAR 3:390, Extended School Services, which incorporates the new assessment and accountability system into the funding formula and rewards academic achievement.

On the recommendation of the nominating committee, the board elected Roger Marcum as board chair for the upcoming year and Brigitte Ramsey as vice-chair.

David Karem was honored with a standing ovation for his outstanding leadership as the board's chair for the last three years, the maximum term allowed by the board's bylaws.

The next Kentucky Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Oct. 8 in Frankfort. For more information about the recent board meeting, [click here](#).

# Parent leadership institutes underway

## Several Kentucky universities, Prichard Committee collaborating on inaugural class of Governor's Institute

Kentucky parents will have an opportunity to participate in an award-winning education leadership-training program under a collaboration involving the Governor's Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership (GCIPL).

The institute, free to selected parents, takes place during three two-day sessions and includes training about Kentucky's school system, achievement data and ways parents can work with administrators and teachers to boost students' academic performance.

Institute participants will include parents, caregivers and mentors of students who attend public schools in the universities' service areas.

The institute was held Aug. 16-17 in Prestonsburg with additional two-day sessions scheduled for Sept. 27-28 and Oct. 25-26.

Morehead State University President Wayne D. Andrews, University of Pikeville President James L. Hurley and Stu Silberman, executive director of the Prichard Committee, were in attendance at the Aug. 16 event.

GCIPL also will be held in Northern Kentucky and a set of targeted schools in Louisville.

This will be the inaugural class of GCIPL, whose establishment was announced last November by Gov. Steve Beshear to build on the 16-year record of the Prichard Committee's Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership.

The institute's mission is preparing parents to take leadership roles in schools, both individually and as group members, to positively influence student achievement.

"We are building leadership capacity to keep the public engaged in our public schools," GCIPL Director Cindy Baumert said.

For more information, contact [Baumert](#) at (502) 741-1297. The Louisville Institute will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn Airport Hotel starting Sept. 6. For more information, contact [Carol Edelen](#) at (502) 454-7445.

The Northern Kentucky Institute will be held at the Hilton Cincinnati Airport in Florence, Ky., beginning Aug. 23. More information is available from [April Roberts-Traywick](#) at (859) 414-8204.



## What is GCIPL?

GCIPL is a process that develops a network of skilled, confident parents and community members who are engaged as valued partners in grassroots efforts to improve academic achievement for all students in Kentucky schools.

The main themes of the GCIPL are parent/community engagement and improved student achievement.

### Learning goals:

- Graduates are able to provide leadership in parent-school-community partnerships that enhance student achievement.
- Graduates are able to design and implement schoolwide or districtwide processes that improve student achievement.
- Graduates are able to reach out to historically under-involved parents to improve student achievement.

### Academic expectations:

- bring parents and schools together
- create family-friendly schools
- take action to improve student achievement
- discuss Kentucky's standards-based education system
- design and implement a project

### GCIPL Core Content components:

- Kentucky's Unbridled Learning system is based on multiple measures of school effectiveness. The measures fall into three major categories: Next-Generation Learners, Next-Generation Instructional Programs and Support, and Next-Generation Professionals – and will be phased into the accountability system over the next several years.

## Ky. students develop leadership skills, win awards

Students from Kentucky chapters of the Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) were among more than 7,000 members, advisors, alumni and guests nationwide who attended the 2013 National FCCLA Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tenn.

Kentucky sent 165 delegates to the annual conference.

This year's student-originated theme was "Discover Your Voice."

Throughout the five-day convention, participants examined and discussed several critical issues, including family, school and community violence prevention, physical and financial fitness, future career exploration, and countless community service projects.

A number of relevant youth issues, such as the changing roles of men and women in the home and workplace, leadership, and obesity prevention also were explored at the meeting through presentations, workshops and youth sessions.

More than 3,600 students competed in Students Taking Action with Recognition (STAR) competitive events that build proficiency and achievement in leadership and job-related skills.

Kentucky had 85 students compete in the STAR competition, winning 31 gold, 47 silver and seven bronze awards.

Individual school STAR Event winners, listed by district, can be viewed by [clicking here](#).



## GSA to move to Centre in 2014

The Kentucky Center Governor's School for the Arts (GSA), an annual intensive summer arts residency program for Kentucky high school sophomores and juniors, will relocate to Centre College in summer 2014.

Held at Transylvania University the last 14 years, the Governor's School for the Arts is a statewide arts education program managed by the Kentucky Center.

Each summer, the Kentucky Center hosts more than 200 young artists from every region of the state. During their three-week stay, student artists are immersed in a rigorous schedule of daily seminars, master-classes, lectures, hands-on workshops and field trips to regional arts attractions. Instruction is offered in nine disciplines: architecture, creative writing, dance, drama, instrumental music, musical theatre, new media, visual art and vocal music.

## Online courses in family literacy offered during the fall of 2013

[The Goodling Institute for Research in Family Literacy](#) at Penn State University (PSU), a partner of the National Center for Family Literacy, is offering two post-baccalaureate online courses for the [Family Literacy Certificate](#) this fall. The courses are offered through the PSU World Campus Sept. 4 through Dec. 4.

These two courses constitute half of the four courses required for completion of the Family Literacy Certificate, a practitioner-based program enhancing skills in family literacy and providing specific professional development for the basic elements of family literacy: adult education, early childhood education and interactive literacy.

The fall 2013 line-up includes ADTED 457, Adult Literacy (three credits), taught by Blaire Toso; and ADTED 458, Early Literacy Development and Parental Involvement (three credits), taught by Beth Grinder.





From left are Gov. Steve Beshear, coach Michael Riggs, Kristine Gillenwater, Holly Harris, Parker Riggs, Bethany Reckart and Agriculture Commissioner James Comer.  
(Kentucky Department of Agriculture photo by Chris Aldridge)

## Kentucky team finishes as national cook off runner-up

Four Kentucky students were recently honored for their team's runner-up finish in the Great American Seafood Cook Off: 4-H Edition earlier this month in New Orleans.

Agriculture Commissioner James Comer presented Honorary Commissioner of Agriculture certificates to Kristine Gillenwater of Allen County-Scottsville High School (Allen County); Holly Harris of South Warren High School (Warren County); Bethany Reckart (homeschool); and Parker Riggs of Bowling Green (Independent) High School at the Kentucky State Fair recently. They were on the first team from Kentucky to compete in the cook off, and it lost by one point to a Louisiana team in the competition.

The team used Kentucky aquaculture products and Kentucky Proud fruits, vegetables, herbs and ground corn grits to make a blackened catfish dish they called "A Taste of the Bluegrass" – a seafood hot Brown featuring Kentucky farm-raised catfish with mint julep peaches. They were required to create a recipe that was less than 500 calories.

They made five plates in one hour and then gave a 10-minute group presentation to the judges about their dish; Kentucky and American aquaculture; and the other Kentucky products they used in their dishes.

### A TASTE OF THE BLUEGRASS MEAL

Blackened catfish filet with julienne vegetables and compound butter, cooked en papillote and served on cheese polenta with heirloom cherry tomatoes, topped with sautéed shrimp, served with Mornay sauce, pimentos, basil and a tomato rose garnish. Accompanied by peaches poached in mint simple syrup and served with fresh blackberries and a bourbon mint julep sauce topped with a sprig of fresh mint.

## Thousands of students to participate in fresh foods program

Nearly 56,000 students in 134 Kentucky elementary schools will enjoy fresh produce in the 2013-14 school year as part of a federal Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) implemented through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The FFVP provides all children in participating schools with a variety of free fresh fruits and vegetables throughout the school day. It is an effective and creative way of introducing fresh fruits and vegetables as healthy snack options. The FFVP also encourages community partnerships to support the schools when they offer free fruit and vegetables to children during the school day.

The goal of the FFVP is to:

- create healthier school environments by providing healthier food choices
- expand the variety of fruits and vegetables children experience
- increase children's fruit and vegetable consumption
- make a difference in children's diets to impact their present and future health

School selection was based upon submitted applications from elementary schools that operate the National School Lunch Program and that have 50 percent or more of their students eligible for free/reduced-price meals. Priority was given to schools with the highest percentage of free- and reduced-price eligible students.

Kentucky received \$2.78 million in FFVP funding for the 2013-14 school year. Each participating school will receive funds to operate the program based on approximately \$50 per student enrolled as reported in October 2012.

To view participating schools or for more information, [click here](#).